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## Fur flying over funding debate

**SPCA.** Government not interested in meeting organization's request for more money to combat animal cruelty

The Nova Scotia SPCA says it will suspend all animal-cruelty investigations starting April 1 because the province is denying its request for a \$100,000 "stopgap" measure.

But the provincial agricultural department says the SPCA fundraises enough money to more than cover the cost of all investigations.

"Their most recent revenue statement shows that they took in over a \$1 million... Investigations cost them \$200,000 to \$270,000," Agriculture Minister John MacDonell told reporters Tuesday after the SPCA made its announcement. "They're taking in four times the amount of money that they've indicated they spend on investigations and so we think they have money enough to do them."

Enforcing animal-cruelty laws is a part of the SPCA's mandate. The SPCA receives \$3,000 a year from the Department of Agriculture, and covers the rest through fundraising.

The SPCA says in 2012 they responded to more than 18,000 animal-cruelty complaints, and 1,600 cases. In total, they

say they helped rescue almost 5,100 animals.

But now, the society's executive director said, the enforcement program can no longer be offered for virtually nothing.

"You'd think that like any other police service or regulatory service it requires stable financial funding," said Kristin Williams.

MacDonell said animal-cruelty investigations remain a primary concern, but he didn't know if it would be police or another government agency that would take over if the SPCA maintains its position.

Williams said financial responsibility should not be solely the society's.

"It's a provincial program and government has outlined very specific legislation because it has a duty to ensure services are provided," she said. "And it's not really realistic for those services to be provided by the members of the SPCA."

MARIKA MCKENZIE/FOR METRO

### Quoted

**"Maybe there are some other things they're doing that are not in their mandate they might want to look at. It's up to them to prioritize."**

Agriculture Minister John MacDonell



Kristin Williams, executive director of the Nova Scotia SPCA, holds Casper the cat at the Dartmouth branch on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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# Man stabbed on walking trail

## Spryfield.

Daytime attack happened around 1 p.m. on Tuesday, after 23-year-old man got into argument with another man



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Police are investigating a daytime stabbing in Spryfield that sent a 23-year-old man to hospital on Tuesday.

Around 1 p.m. police responded to a call about the victim being stabbed in the area of Tartan Avenue and Auburn Avenue after he got into an argument with another man in a wooded area on a walking trail.

"It's a blatant attack on someone in broad daylight, so, yes, it is worrying," said Const. Pierre Bourdages of Halifax Regional Police.

Police are looking for a man who was wearing a mask and who fled the area on foot.

The victim's injuries aren't life-threatening and he was

## Quote

**"It's always worrying, no matter what time it is."**

Const. Pierre Bourdages  
About the daytime stabbing

taken to hospital by paramedics.

The K-9 unit was brought in to look for evidence near Rockingstone Park and to find a track on the suspect, Bourdages said.

A man who lives across the entrance to the park said while Spryfield can get a bad reputation, it's unusual to see police cars in his area.

"Despite what the media would have you believe, this is a good neighbourhood," said the man, who didn't identify himself. "It's a good place to live."

Bourdages said the police don't know whether the act was random or the individuals knew one another.

"We have nothing to suggest it was random but we're still following up," he said.

This is the second daytime stabbing in Spryfield in two



A Halifax Regional Police K-9 unit searches Rockingstone Park following a stabbing in Spryfield on Tuesday afternoon. JEFF HARPER/METRO

weeks.

On Feb. 5, police were called to an apartment complex on

Herring Cove Road and found a 44-year-old woman suffering from a stab wound in the lobby

of the building.

Police say they are looking for a 14-year-old male.

# Massive search for fishermen scaled back



A buoy from the ill-fated fishing boat Miss Ally rests on the dock in Woods Harbour on Tuesday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

A massive search for five young fishermen whose boat capsized off southwestern Nova Scotia was reduced to a missing persons case late Tuesday as the military concluded there was little hope for their survival.

The Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Halifax issued a brief statement just after 6 p.m. saying the search would be handed over to the RCMP because of "frigid water and poor weather conditions."

Two coast guard vessels and five aircraft had covered more than 18,000 square kilometres of open ocean since the search started late Sunday shortly after 11 p.m.

## Emotional prayer

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In a small church on the road that winds through Woods Harbour, about two dozen people gathered for an emotional prayer service where the names of the five missing men were projected on a wall at the front of the room. The missing are: Katlin Nickerson, Billy Jack Hatfield, Joel Hopkins, Cole Nickerson and Tyson Townsend.

Nova Scotia Fisheries Minister Sterling Belliveau is from Woods Harbour, the same village in southwestern Nova Scotia where most of the missing men are from.

"This is a very difficult time," he said on the Woods Harbour wharf as the sun went down on a still, flat-water night.

"These are professionals that makes these calls and we have to understand that."

Belliveau said he visited earlier in the day with George Hopkins, a childhood friend whose 27-year-old son, Joel, is among the missing crew.

The military said the 13-metre fishing boat Miss Ally had capsized about 120 kilometres southeast of Liverpool as it was tossed about by 10 metre waves whipped up by winds approaching hurricane force. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## Sustainablizing a system. Council OK's proposal for recycling overhaul

Halifax regional councillors approved a suggestion that the province consider a new approach to its recycling program — and emphasized that it's only a suggestion.

"This is simply HRM responding to the province's request for alternative ideas on how to fix a system that they have identified in their own report is not sustainable," said Gord Helm, manager of solid-waste resources.

The province has asked Nova Scotia municipalities to submit suggestions for overhauling operations of the Resource Recovery Fund Board in light of its waning financial sustainability.

Several councillors said they have heard from residents convinced that HRM is launching a unilateral overhaul of the RRFB, and wanted to clarify that's not the case.

HRM has proposed reducing the consumer deposit on beverage containers from 10 to five cents and carrying out recycling itself through curbside collection — ending the recycling programs carried out by Enviro Depots.

### Not so easy being green

**"How can we tell our taxpayers that we're not going to go with that (proposal) ... for \$4 million?"**

Deputy Mayor Reg Rankin

That scenario would bring in an extra \$3 million a year to HRM.

David Hendsbee was the only councillor to oppose the proposal.

"I'm not prepared to walk down this road," he said. "It will have a devastating effect on not just Enviro Depots, but a lot of charitable groups and organizations and those with bad social standing that require assistance."

Coun. Jennifer Watts reminded council that HRM can't do anything to alter the RRFB operation.

"What this is, it's trying to move this conversation over to looking at a system change rather than assuming that we have to go to a revenue change," she said.

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

## Customer bounced. Bar defends itself in wake of bouncer-patron incident

The downtown bar at the centre of an online post about Halifax's "violence problem" has released a statement about the incident that sparked the original account.

A post on The Carleton's Facebook page says an investigation of Saturday night's events reveal facts "quite different" from the account posted by musician John Wesley Chisholm.

Chisholm, in a post on his own Facebook page, claimed a bouncer violently ejected a drunk young patron, smashing the man's face into the ground

and assaulting two other people who tried to intervene.

The Carleton statement said a customer acting inappropriately was asked to leave and escorted out when he refused, subsequently punching the doorman in the mouth.

The bouncer "pushed the customer off the property," and when the patron tried to get back into the bar, the doorman "removed him and restrained him" until police arrived.

Police have said no one was injured in the incident and the patron in question has declined to press charges. **METRO**

### Spy case

## Delisle could get conditional release in three years

Former Bedford naval officer Jeffrey Paul Delisle, who was convicted of spying for Russia, will be eligible for conditional release in three years, the Parole Board of Canada says.

Delisle was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to passing secrets to the Russians for

more than four years.

But the judge presiding over his case ruled that when time already served is taken into account, Delisle's sentence is 18 years and five months.

The parole board says Delisle becomes eligible for unescorted temporary leaves in March 2016 and day parole in September 2018.

He is eligible for full parole a year later.

A decision on whether Delisle would be granted parole is made by the board after a review of his case or a hearing. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Andre Denny leaves Halifax provincial court after firing his lawyer on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Man accused in Taavel murder fires lawyer

## Hearing adjourned.

Andre Noel Denny said he no longer trusts the man representing him



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The preliminary hearing for Andre Noel Denny has been adjourned for a month after he fired his lawyer because he said he could no longer trust him.

In Halifax provincial court on Tuesday, the 33-year-old man accused of killing Raymond Taavel outside the Menz Bar in April asked to postpone the hearing until he can retain a new lawyer.

## Confusing turn of events

**"I don't know what's going on, quite frankly,"**

Crown attorney Darrell Martin told reporters

"The trust ain't there. The bond is broken," Denny said about defence lawyer Donald Murray.

Denny, of Cape Breton, stood during his court appearance, dressed in a black hooded sweatshirt, his dark hair buzzed at the sides. He also claimed Murray had brought a knife into a recent meeting. "He scared the living daylight out of me. I'm shaking in my boots," he said.

Murray didn't speak to reporters afterwards.

During the 10-minute court appearance, a man who said

he was Denny's father raised his hand and said he would like to speak to the court, but Denny interrupted and said the man was his stepfather.

"He never was there for me," he said. "He was only there for the money and glory.... It's all a government conspiracy."

Judge Bill Digby said he didn't think it was appropriate to continue and adjourned the hearing for a month to give Denny time to find a new lawyer.

"I'm not in a position to determine whether in fact Mr.

Denny's comments arise from genuine issues or whether or not he has other motives or plans at play," Digby said.

As Digby was talking, Denny said he would have a lawyer by Wednesday, but apologized when the judge asked him not to interrupt.

"I'm not God and I'm not Jesus Christ," Denny replied.

Crown attorney Darrell Martin said outside court that he has concerns about Denny's mental fitness, but added there's no evidence he isn't fit at this time.

"Fitness is something that's dynamic and ... can be revisited anytime during a process," Martin said.

Denny was remanded to the East Coast Forensic Hospital in Burnside until his next court date on March 19.

# One year later, police renew call for tips in Lyle homicide in Dartmouth



Investigators search the Albro Lake home of Dartmouth's Sandy Lyle last Feb. 21. METRO FILE

Police are still seeking the public's help in solving a year-long homicide investigation.

Tuesday marked the anniversary of the killing of James Alexander (Sandy) Lyle. The 55-year-old was shot and killed last February and found on the side of Montague Road in Dartmouth.

"Investigators continue to work on the file and it's always important to reach out," said Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae. "We believe there are people out

there that have information."

MacRae also said rumours surrounding the homicide have been a challenge for investigators trying to solve the case.

Lyle, who owned the Rodeo Lounge in Dartmouth, was suspected of having ties to the Hells Angels and to drug trafficking.

"There can be speculative reasons why things aren't being solved, there can be rumours in communities of lifestyles or other criminal

## Did you see?

Anyone who saw suspicious activity in the Montague Road or Cannon Terrace areas of Dartmouth on Feb. 19, 2012, is asked to contact police or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

activity, but it's really the job of the police to get through all that," MacRae said.

MARIKA MCKENZIE/FOR METRO



# Pistorius says he mistook his girlfriend for intruder

**Premeditated murder charge.** Prosecutors say the evidence proves the killing was no accident

Oscar Pistorius wept Tuesday as his defence lawyer read the athlete's account of how he shot his girlfriend to death on Valentine's Day, claiming he had mistaken her for an intruder.

Prosecutors, however, told a packed courtroom that the double-amputee mercilessly killed 29-year-old Reeva Steenkamp as she cowered inside a locked bathroom.

Pistorius told the Pretoria Magistrate's Court at a bail hearing he felt vulnerable in the presence of an intruder inside the bathroom because he did not have his prosthetic legs on, and fired into the door.

In a major point of contention, prosecutor Gerrie Nel said Pistorius took the time to put on his prostheses, walked seven metres from the bed to the enclosed toilet inside his bathroom and only then opened fire. Three of the four bullets fired into the door hit Steenkamp, Nel said.

Pistorius said in his sworn



The chief magistrate ruled that Pistorius must face the harshest bail requirements. MASI LOSI, PRETORIA NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

statement that after opening fire, he realized Steenkamp was not in his bed.

"It filled me with horror and fear," Pistorius said.

The 26-year-old Olympian said he put on his prosthetic

legs and tried to kick down the door before finally bashing it in with a cricket bat. Inside, he said he found Steenkamp. He said he lifted her bloodied body and tried to carry her downstairs to seek help.

Nel said the athlete opened fire after the couple engaged in a shouting match and she fled to the bathroom.

"She couldn't go anywhere," Nel said. "It must have been horrific." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## The victim

Reeva Steenkamp actively campaigned against domestic violence.

- South Africa has the world's highest rate of women killed by an intimate partner, according to a study by the Medical Research Council. Professor Rachel Jewkes of the council said at least three women are killed by a partner every day in the country of 50 million.



A woman holds a photo of Reeva Steenkamp as she leaves her funeral Tuesday. SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Brantford, Ont.

### StatsCan worker trashes hotel room

Broken furniture. Stained carpets. Ink-smeared bed sheets. Damaged wallpaper.

Newly released documents show one census taker's wild party left Statistics Canada with a hefty bill for her trashed hotel room.

Eight enumerators rolled into Brantford, Ont., in July 2011 and checked into the Hampton Inn.

One room was trashed. The total bill came to nearly \$6,000. Statistics Canada settled for \$4,000.

The unnamed census-taker said she felt bad and would have cleaned up with "Pledge and a vacuum" if she hadn't been in such a rush. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Theft in Brussels

### \$50-million gems gone in 5 minutes

Eight masked gunmen forced their way through the security fence at Brussels' international airport and snatched some \$50 million worth of diamonds from a plane in five minutes without firing a shot.

The gang dressed like policemen and used black vehicles with flashing blue lights in their raid late Monday, said Anja Bijnsens from the local prosecutor's office. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Global warming

### Expect less snow. Also more: Experts

Scant snowfall but huge blizzards — 10 U.S. climate scientists say that's the new world we live in thanks to global warming.

A warmer climate is likely to decrease the overall amount of snow each year and shrink the snow season, they explain. But when it is cold enough for a snowstorm to hit, the slightly warmer air can carry more moisture, producing potentially historic blizzards. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Climate change

### Tory carbon policy a mess: Report

The Conservative decision to go with complex, sector-by-sector regulation of emissions while provinces experiment with market-driven policies, such as cap-and-trade systems and carbon taxes makes for a confusing and possibly expensive patchwork, said a report released Tuesday by the International Institute for Sustainable Development. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Gas explosion lights up entire Kansas City block

A gas explosion that sparked a massive, block-engulfing blaze in an upscale Kansas City shopping district injured 14 people, a city official said Tuesday evening, adding that it is believed that an accident involving a utility contractor may have caused the blast.

City Manager Troy Schulte said he had not heard of any fatalities.

Earlier, Kansas City police had said the blast was caused by a car crashing into a gas main just after 6 p.m. Fire officials said later they were not aware of a crash being involved in the blast.

Police Sgt. Tony Sanders said the manager of JJ's restaurant, which was destroyed in the explosion, was unable to account for three people, but it was unclear whether they were caught in the blaze or had left earlier.

The University of Kansas Hospital was treating five people injured in the blast, said spokesman Bob Hallinan. He said one person was in critical condition, two were in serious condition and two others were expected to be released. He said all the



In this image taken from video from KCTV, firefighters battle a massive fire at Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Mo., on Tuesday. KCTV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

injuries were traumatic, such as broken bones, rather than burns or smoke inhalation.

Kerry O'Connor, a spokeswoman for St. Luke's Hospital, which is near the scene of the fire, said several patients were sent to the hospital. She said they hadn't yet been assessed but appeared "to be critical."

The smell of gas remained very strong near the area long after the explosion.

Jim Ligon, a bartender

who has worked at JJ's restaurant for five years, wasn't working Tuesday night but said he started getting texts and calls from co-workers minutes after the explosion.

He said the incident happened during the peak of weekday happy hour, when there is typically anywhere from 15 to 45 people in the bar area as well as three to five tables of diners at the restaurant.

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# Toxic milk? Health scare engulfs the Balkans after official posts test results

Reports that milk in the Balkans has been contaminated with a cancer-causing toxin have triggered a major health scare, with authorities appealing for calm on Tuesday, before official tests are done.

Most health officials in the region are insisting that the milk is safe and that aflatoxins are not harmful in small amounts. But a warning by a regional official has fuelled doubts about the official line, suspicions fed by the region's widespread corruption and the cosy ties between politicians and industry.

Senior Serbian agriculture official Goran Jescic claimed on his personal website that out of 35 tested milk samples in Serbia, 29 had higher levels of aflatoxins than allowed. He published a list of various brands of milk with high levels, saying the government was keeping them secret.

"If you ask me whether to buy milk, the answer is no," Jescic, the official in charge of Serbia's breadbasket region of Vojvodina, told a media conference. "I can't say why the state was hiding (the sample results); the state is to blame for this."



One dose of aflatoxin or two? DARKO VOJNOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A low dose of aflatoxin, linked to mildewed cattle feed, is not considered harmful, but high doses are linked to cancer. The Balkans experienced an extremely dry summer last year, which affected crops and provided conditions for the poisonous mould to grow, mostly in corn used as animal feed.

Serbia's National Consumers Association said that 17 kinds of milk had been tested. In 13, the toxin levels pushed but did not exceed the upper limits. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Today we've profiled the state of Canadian innovation and where the seeds of ideas are being sown. Governments are stepping up with increased innovation investment, and the private sector is poised to jump on the opportunities. Canada is ripe for the next wave of social, cultural and technological innovation.

On Day 2, we look back at Canada's innovative past and show you today's Canadians who are making a difference. On Day 3, we look at some of Canada's failures — and a surprise guest tells us what we need to do to charge to the forefront of innovation.

Metro's contribution to this innovation comes in the way we'll tell the stories — we're putting design and information on a collision course. Whether these ideas embody the innovative spirit is something we'll leave up to you. Check them out, then email us at readers@metronews.ca or tweet @MetroNewsCanada.

## Answering the call.

Government, investors & academics are serious about leading us out of innovation's backwoods



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In the mid-1800s, a Canadian scientist sought to honour his deaf mother and wife through understanding the science of hearing.

By 1874 he was splitting time between his Brantford, Ont., home and a Boston laboratory, gaining a reputation as one of the most intelligent and inventive scientists in the Western hemisphere. It was in Boston, though, where he would develop the vital relationships — and funding — required to produce the technology that would change the way billions of people communicated.

Most of us wouldn't have known the name Alexander Graham Bell had it not been for American businessmen Gardiner Hubbard and Tom Sanders.

Aside from being Bell's father-in-law, Hubbard, along with Sanders, provided the resources required for experimental prototypes.

Nearly 150 years later, inspired Canadian scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs continue to head south to have their dreams realized.

A 2010 report by the Conference Board of Canada gave our country a D grade for its innovation efforts and a ranking of 14 out of 17 developed countries (below Austria and Denmark). They defined innovation as "the ability to turn knowledge into new and improved goods and services."

The report found Canada lagging in several key innovation indicators, including patents produced per capita,

export market share of electronics and pharmaceuticals as well as technology manufacturing.

Later that year, the government assembled an expert panel from the academic and corporate worlds to solve the innovation gap. The result was a report entitled Innovation Canada: A Call to Action, a review of innovation over the past 30 years that provided a framework for repositioning Canada's economy.

"The budget last year, which was only maybe six months after the report, enacted a whole host of initiatives that were recommended in the report," says Tom Jenkins, the panel's chair.

## Quoted



**"I think overall we are still lagging in innovation. As a score, we're certainly not at the top. The Conference Board, the Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity — they all show that we can do better, and historically we have done better."**

Tom Jenkins is the executive chairman and chief strategy officer of Waterloo-based software company OpenText, serves on boards for a variety of software companies, is a member of several national academic councils and is the chair of the Canadian Digital Media Council.

Among Jenkins's several distinguished titles is executive chairman and chief strategy officer of Waterloo, Ont.-based software company OpenText.

According to him, two significant barriers to innovation are the bureaucratic red tape keeping entrepreneurs from tax credits, and turning the government, one of the market's largest buyers, into a customer.

Progress has been made on the former through simplification of the Scientific Research and Experimental Development tax-incentive program (known as SHRED).

The latter has been considered through the Canadian Innovation Commercialization Program (CICP), which awards

government contracts to the most innovative firms. For Jenkins, these are steps in the right direction, but more needs to be done by the public sector to drive competition.

"In our research, we found that customers, demanding customers, in a competitive environment are the No. 1 driver of innovation," he said. "The private sector has this built-in conveyor belt that forces it to innovate, and if it's not innovating fast enough or big enough, then that's where government, which has a different agenda, needs to sort of weigh in and encourage."

Jenkins notes four key components of an innovation ecosystem:

## Talent

Canada's schools continue to perform well on a global stage, but now it's a matter of cultivating this wealth of intelligence and creativity.

Toronto has seen the formation of university-based innovation centres, like Ryerson's Digital Media Zone (DMZ), alongside innovation-focused post-grad programs.

The same can be said for the University of Calgary's Haskayne School of Business and the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business.

## Capital

Today's entrepreneurs look to government grants and loans in the public sector and large, daring investment companies



Ironically, Alexander Graham Bell, arguably this country's greatest innovator, had on to create the BlackBerry found that things have gotten a little better for bright

## Suzie's path of innovation



Suzie could be your average Canadian. She is intelligent, creative and motivated. She doesn't mind her job but is constantly day-dreaming about building something she can call her own. Suzie has ideas but she's the only one who knows them. She has plans but doesn't know how to carry them out.

The entrepreneurial road can be daunting, but if Suzie can follow five steps, she could end up with exactly what she's been dreaming of.

STEPHEN BALDWIN/METRO



## Conception

A great idea can come in an "a-ha!" moment or through weeks of brainstorming. Ideas come in all shapes and sizes and can be original or improvements to current concepts or products. Who hasn't thought, "That would be so much better if..."? Thoughts will be swirling and questions will arise: what purpose it will serve? How will we execute it? Is there a market? Just don't spend too much time coming up with the company name.



## Collaboration

Ideas begin to take shape when people with a common interest or goal work together. Everyone's got a unique perspective, and incorporating everyone's input on a product or service can be painstaking — but necessary — as the idea percolates. Breakthroughs are the result of hours of tedious work. Having someone to help carry the burden and responsibility can allow you to get where you need to be faster and more effectively. For those who can't find their entrepreneurial soul mate, meet-ups and forums can help.

# AND INNOVATIVE LAND



to leave Canada to pursue the inventions he envisioned. His successors who went people with bright ideas. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY DAVID VAN DYKE

(angel investors and venture-capital funds) in the private sector. Examples of the latter include VA Angels (Alberta), Version One Ventures (B.C.), First Angel Network (Nova Scotia), Extreme Venture Partners (Toronto), Sask Works Venture Fund and the Manitoba Knights.

## Infrastructure

Innovation hubs called incubators and accelerators continue to pop up throughout the country, often in collaboration with universities. They have helped companies in Waterloo, like OpenText and BlackBerry, thrive.

"It's where you get to perform the contact sport," Jenkins says. "In those centres, there are accountants, bankers, people who can access mentors. That's absolutely essential."

## Customers

A concentrated customer base is essential to the growth of a company, but the Internet has made it so that this is no longer a geographical requirement. A Canadian startup can come up with a product that caters specifically to Icelanders.

In January, Stephen Harper announced a \$400-million investment in venture capital.

It's a big step for a government that has been criticized both at home and abroad for living in the past, and with the infrastructure in place, it's now on the private sector, and the next generation of entrepreneurs, to take advantage.

Regardless of the outcome, Canadians can find comfort in the axiom that tolerance breeds innovation. But in this game, according to Jenkins, getting too comfortable can mean falling behind.

"It's the nature of innovation that you cannot rest on your laurels. Because innovation, by its nature, is constantly changing and constantly challenging countries or companies to keep up. This is not a snapshot, it's a treadmill."

## Startups

### Canadian innovation: A cautionary tale



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Canada's track record for supporting innovation is good — but it could be better, experts say.

More available capital, resource support and a dash of bravado might be what it takes to push our creative envelope to the max.

Small-business consultant Mark Evans believes the investment community looks at the big-ticket items at the expense of over-looking niche innovation.

"There are not enough sources of seed capital, and a lot has to do with the investment mentality that prevails with big investors who are more conservative. We're happy giving money to companies that want to dig holes in the ground (minerals, etc.), but it's a different game when it comes to other investments," said Evans, a former business journalist turned consultant, with past credits in the Financial Post and the Globe & Mail.

Small businesses in Canada is a big deal. They account for 98 per cent of our ongoing businesses — and many of them started up to fill a niche or provide a service with an innovative idea or approach. They are the drivers of innovation.

"It's important that people (especially the youth of tomorrow) begin thinking like entrepreneurs," says Lesley Wilmot, director of marketing and communication at the Canadian Youth



Small businesses aren't small potatoes in Canada. They account for 98 per cent of ongoing businesses in the country. But are today's youth thinking like entrepreneurs? PHOTOS.COM

Business Association.

"We need them for our economy to continue to grow."

Wilmot's organization was established by the government in 1996 and provides youth between 18 and 39 with much-needed startup capital and access to mentors, who offer business advice, guidance and collaboration.

The government and private sector are stepping up with more credit and support for innovative small businesses across the country.

The final step, according to Evans, is believing we're

innovators. Canada has long been an innovative nation, but we tend to shy from the limelight.

"Canadians are too modest and humble for their own good compared to the U.S., who are always ready to declare themselves as the best or No. 1," said Evans.

## More online

To read the full feature on Canadian innovation, including our quiz on what Canada has given the world, visit [metronews.ca/innovation](http://metronews.ca/innovation)



## Funding and incubation

Venture capitalism and angel investors are emerging as popular avenues for funding. These investors are willing to bet big on great ideas, often for a piece of the company or its profits. Small businesses can also look to available grants and loans offered by each level of government. Incubators and accelerators provide new businesses with the resources and mentoring needed to grow. Both often provide funding, but their real value is in helping you develop your idea in a collaborative setting.



## Experimentation

This varies depending on the idea or application. Web startups will launch a beta version of their site, while others require a more tactile approach (e.g., testing/demonstration in the targeted industry, trade shows/showcases, etc.). This stage allows kinks to be smoothed and, in some cases, forces you to start from scratch.



## Marketing

This step is often overlooked but it's as important as the others. You've put together something fresh and innovative, but no one knows about it, so no one cares. Researching and seeking out those people who can influence the success of your innovation is critical. The way you present your business will say a lot about what you do and how you do it. Done right, you can allow the innovation to speak for itself.



# Great-West to buy Ireland's top life-insurance provider

**EU economic recovery.** Winnipeg-based firm strikes deal with Irish government to privatize bailed-out company

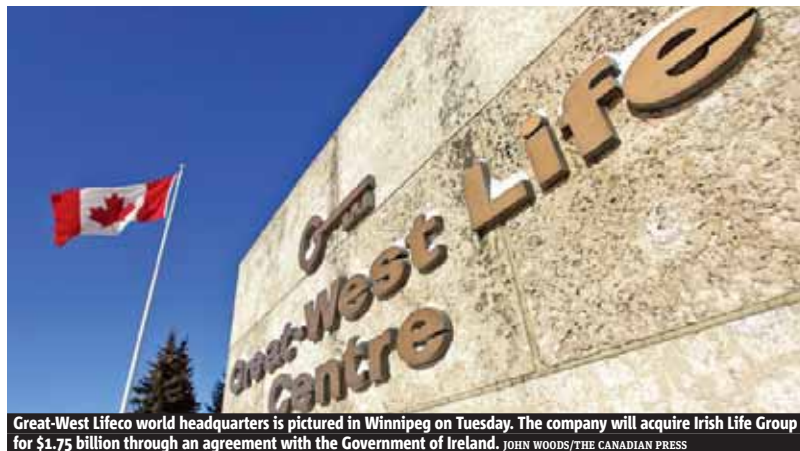
Great-West Lifeco Inc. will buy Irish Life Group for \$1.75 billion from the Government of Ireland, which acquired the financial-services company last summer as part of a bailout of its former parent.

Irish Life provides life insurance, pension management and investment services to more than one million customers — including about 800,000 individual policy holders.

It also manages assets worth the equivalent of \$50 billion and employs about 2,200 people — almost all in Ireland.

"The acquisition of Irish Life is transformational for our companies in Ireland," Great-West president and CEO Allen Loney said Tuesday.

He said Great-West will become Ireland's leading provider of life insurance, pension and



Great-West Lifeco world headquarters is pictured in Winnipeg on Tuesday. The company will acquire Irish Life Group for \$1.75 billion through an agreement with the Government of Ireland. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

investment services with the single transaction.

The Winnipeg-based company began its pursuit of Irish Life when an auction process was launched in September 2011, but withdrew in November of that year due to the European sovereign debt and banking crisis. Speaking from Dublin in a phone interview,

Loney said that negotiations resumed about two-and-a-half months ago in November 2012, after the economy began to show signs of improvement.

Loney said Great-West was attracted by Irish Life's strong management, product range, market share and technology and heartened by improvements in the macroeconomic

situation. "It's a very youthful demographic here in Ireland. We feel very confident that there will be good growth in Ireland in time to come," Loney said.

"Certainly, the Irish economic situation and fiscal situation ... (has) improved out of all recognition in the last 18 months or so." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## EU mystery-meat scandal. Fancy some horse ravioli? Nestle recalls pasta meals

The world's biggest food and drinks maker, Nestle SA, has become the latest company to pull some of its products off European shelves after they were found to contain undeclared horsemeat.

The company, based in Vevey, Switzerland, said in a statement late Monday that it withdrew some of its beef-pasta meals from sale after tests conducted two days earlier detected horse DNA. Nestle said it increased its surveillance after reports emerged last month of mislabelled products being sold in Britain.

"Our tests have found traces of horse DNA in two products made from beef supplied by H.J. Schypke," Nestle said in a statement. "The levels found are above the one per cent threshold the U.K.'s Food Safety Agency uses to indicate likely adulteration or gross negligence."

H.J. Schypke, a German subcontractor for one of Nestle's suppliers, Belgium-based JBS Toledo N.V., said in a statement Tuesday that it had never knowingly procured horsemeat.

"We regret this incident and



This 2010 file photo shows Nestle SA's headquarters in Vevey, Switzerland. The company is among a growing number of European food manufacturers to have discovered horsemeat in their products. DOMINIC FAVRE/KEYSTONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

will intensify our efforts to provide the highest quality products," it said. "As a result, we will conduct genetic tests on all raw incoming meat in future."

Nestle insisted that the Buitoni Beef Ravioli and Beef Tortellini meals sent to Italy and Spain, and frozen meat sold as Lasagnes à la Bolognaise Gourmandes to catering businesses in France, were safe to consume. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Z10. Analysts increasingly polarized on BlackBerry

Analysts are split on the future of BlackBerry and its prospects for sales success, as Canaccord Genuity pulled back its expectations for the smartphone maker on Tuesday.

The investment firm said it believes shipments of the new BlackBerry devices in February will fall short of earlier predictions of just 300,000 units, a far cry from its initial estimate of more than 1.75 million.

The outlook adds to a polarizing view of the smartphone maker from the analyst community, which has a range of price targets from nearly \$23 to as little as \$9. Canaccord

### Quoted

"Our followup checks have indicated steady but modest (Z10) sales levels."

Canaccord analyst Michael Walkley

sits at the low end of those expectations.

Canaccord said its global surveys show initial sales have been mixed for the BlackBerry Z10, with limited supply rather than overwhelming demand behind post-launch shortages at some stores.

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## Email wars. Microsoft kicks off marketing blitz to promote Outlook.com

Microsoft is so confident it has the Internet's best email service that it is about to spend at least \$30 million to send its message across the U.S.

The barrage began Tuesday when Microsoft's twist on email, Outlook.com, escalated an assault on rival services from Google Inc., Yahoo Inc., AOL Inc. and a long list of Internet service providers.

As part of the process, all users of Microsoft's Hotmail and other email services


operating under different domains such as MSN.com will be automatically converted to Outlook.com by the summer, if they don't voluntarily switch before then. All the old messages, contacts and settings in the old inboxes will be exported to Outlook.com. Users will also be able to keep their old addresses.


Email remains a key battleground, even at a time when more people are texting each other on phones.


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### Java vulnerability

## Apple says some of its office Macs were hacked

Apple says a small number of Mac computers at its offices were infected by malicious software, in an attack similar to the one Facebook acknowledged last week.

In both cases, computers were infected through software downloaded from a developers' site. The attacks took advantage of flaws in the Java plug-in for browsers; the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has recommended disabling the plug-in. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Most astronauts explore space, the final frontier.

Chris Hadfield plays space, the Borscht Belt.

Hadfield is the first Canadian commander of the International

Space Station, and, unlike previous, more conventional Canadian astronauts, Cmdr. Hadfield is knocking them dead.

It's as if he was on his way to Vegas and, instead of taking I-95, he took the second star to the right and went straight on until morning.

Since climbing aboard the ISS just before Christmas, he has: chatted with Captain Kirk, that other enterprising Canadian; composed a song and sung it with Ed Robertson of the Barenaked Ladies; sent valentines from space ("My heart glows like the Northern Lights ..."); participated in Ask Me Anything on Reddit; taken hundreds of vacation snaps (I think this one is Dublin by day ...); and tweeted compulsively to his 360,000 followers on Twitter.

Back here on the ground, we're not used to entertaining

astronauts. Astronauts are tucked in and trim. They say things such as "roger, wilco," not "Wow, I can feel the warmth of the Irish all the way up here. Go raibh maith agaibh!," which is what he tweeted after posting his high-flying photo of Dublin.

Hard to tell what he'll do for an encore, but you can bet his global audience will demand it. Maybe he'll be held over, like that other Canadian astronomical stalwart, Cirque du soleil.

It's also hard to tell what this virtuoso tour de farce is doing for space exploration or the Canadian Space Agency, but more than one commentator has pointed

out it will be harder to close it down by any government that doesn't have a death wish. Like the RCMP Musical Ride and the Snowbirds, you can't shut Chris Hadfield down any more than you can shut him up.

As I write, he's just finished demonstrating how to make a sandwich in a weightless state. (Peanut butter and honey on a space tortilla that's virtually indestructible. Yum.)

Of course, Hadfield's Orbiting Space Shenanigans aren't universally popular. Some people think he's trivializing space exploration and research. We spent how much to send Bozo into orbit? What about serious issues such as global warming? And, if you're a conspiracy theorist, what's he really doing up there?

Still, anyone with 360,000 followers must be doing something right. I think I've added 36 followers across the same time span. Of course, I can't tell you how to make a PB-and-honey sandwich in total weightlessness. I can, however, recommend crunchy over smooth, a tip that's worth its weightlessness in gold.



There's cosmic gold in them thar hills: "Tá Éire fíorálainn! Land of green hills and dark beer. With capital Dublin glowing in the Irish night," @Cmdr\_Hadfield tweeted this photo on Monday, of the city taken from the ISS. TWITTER

# Go-go Golden-i gadget



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## Inspector's gadget

## Headset lets police look through walls

This head-mounted computer promises to give police officers and other emergency services Robocop-like abilities. The Golden-i unit is operated by voice commands and head movements and allows the wearer to access vital information without using their hands. The device also offers the ability to see through walls thanks to infrared technology. METRO



Golden-i's infrared vision: developers say their gadget allows officers to record situations for later analysis and view live video feeds from other Golden-i devices. COURTESY OF GOLDEN-I/REX FEATURES

## In stores this year

## You too can spy with a Golden-i

Made by U.S.-based Kopin Corp. and U.K. firm Ikanos Consulting, Golden-i was showcased at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last month, although "no pricing has been announced yet," a spokesperson told Metro. The Golden-i professional kit is expected to be released by the summer, while a consumer version is set for later in the year. METRO

## Golden-i's powers

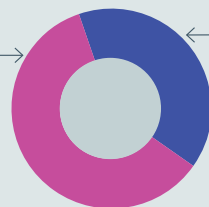
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## Twitter

### @skinner\_kelli:

Love how social media can force social changes. Kudos to John Wesley Chisholm for shining a light on the violence problem in Halifax.

### @herohill:

Halifax has many bars. Bars contain drunk people. Drunk people require bouncers.

### @lindsayrandell:

Halifax has some of the weirdest people I've ever seen #sin #good-

laugh #bus

### @Fo\_Drizzle:

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### @CityGirlSarah:

When ever the @hfxtransit ferry backs in I always assume they've forgotten something and are going back to Halifax



Musician Carly Rae Jepsen — seen here performing during the Believe Tour in Los Angeles in October — received five Juno nominations on Tuesday, including album of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Call me Juno: Carly Rae Jepsen tops nominee list

## Award contenders.

Justin Bieber, Johnny Reid, Leonard Cohen and Deadmau5 also recognized

Looks like the Juno Awards knew Carly Rae Jepsen's number.

The singer from British Col-

umbia — whose monster single Call Me Maybe took the world by storm in 2012 — landed a leading five nominations on Tuesday, prompting a flood of kudos and even spontaneous singing from fellow nominees gathered at a media conference.

"It's catchy. It's in my blood," Maestro Fresh Wes, a nominee for rap recording of the year, said as he burst into the chorus of Call Me Maybe in

a red-carpet interview.

"You can't help it, man. It's cool, man, it's cool, and I wish her all the best. It's a lot of hard work."

Jepsen was nominated for two prizes at the recent Grammy Awards but went home empty-handed.

At the Junos, she'll vie for the fan choice award, single of the year, album of the year, artist of the year and pop album of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Nova Scotian nominees

- **Classified.** The Enfield, N.S. rapper's song Inner Ninja (featuring David Myles) is up for Rap Recording of the Year.
- **Raylene Rankin.** All The Diamonds is up for Adult Contemporary Album of the Year.
- **Amelia Curran, Rose Cousins, Old Man Luedecke.** The Roots and Traditional Album of the Year (Solo) category is stacked with Maritimers, including previous winners Luedecke and Curran and first-time nominee Cousins.

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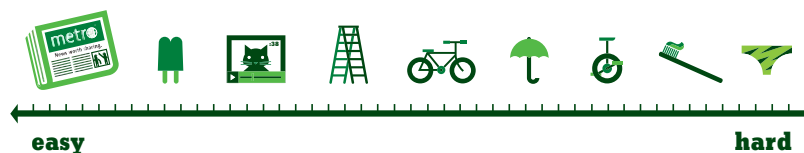
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## The word



### *Paltrow has lost her passion for acting, source says*

Gwyneth Paltrow just isn't feeling it anymore when it comes to her acting career, according to *Us Weekly*. "She's lost her passion for movies," a source says.

"She won't quit acting. Her plan is to do one, maybe two supporting parts a year."

So what else will Paltrow do to fill her time? The source says she will mainly focus on her lifestyle website, *Goop*, with an aim to emulate another blonde star: Jessica Simpson. "She admires Jessica's empire," the source says. "She wants to make a killing." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

## Twitter



**@kerrywashington**

Had SO much fun @Disneyland tonight :) And uhm, to the lovely guy who asked if I was "Kerry Washington" I apologize 4 not being honest!



**@lamDonCheadle**

Sorry tweekle, my phone flipped out and sent a mass invite to Words with Friends. I really don't have the bandwidth. :(



**@samantharonson**

Just got asked, by a homeless woman, if I had speed- so obviously I'm feeling young, edgy and skinny.



**@SteveCarell**

Watched "Jurassic Park" with my son this weekend. We are thinking about getting a pet Velociraptor. Maybe a rescue.



Renee Zellweger

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### Zellweger not afraid of some PDA

Renee Zellweger is enjoying her relationship with guitarist Doyle Bramhall, and she's not afraid to show it.

The pair was spotted making out on the beach during their current Hawaiian vacation, according to *E! News*.

"They have been really cute together," a source says. "They've been openly kissing and cuddling. He even has his guitar on vacation with him and was playing it for her while they waited for their rental car."



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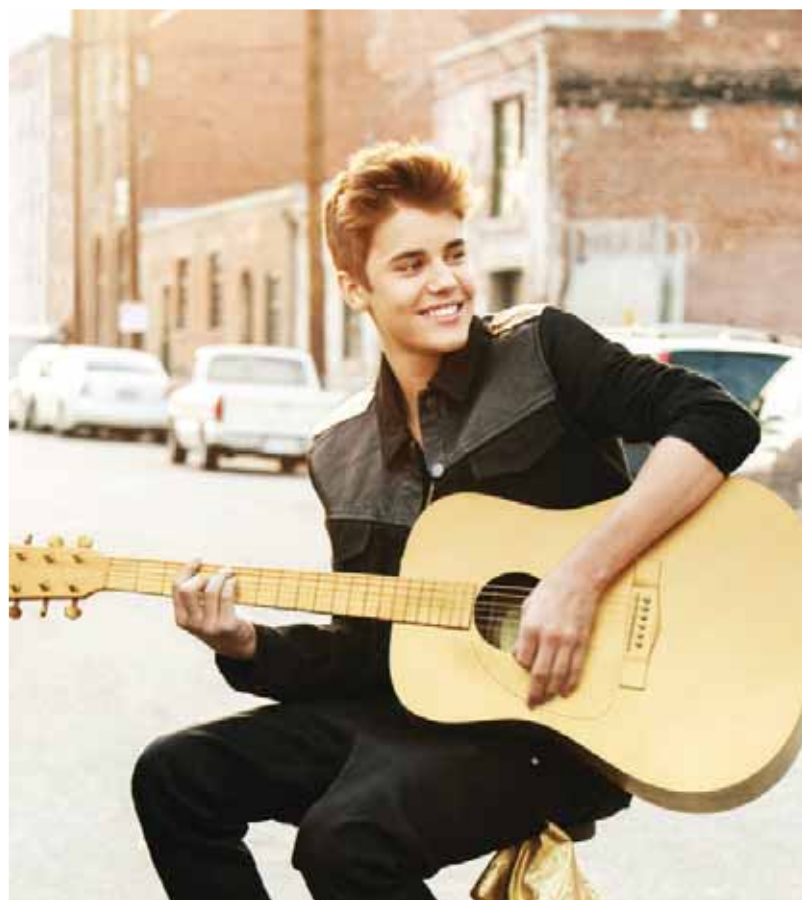
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## Tee up with the greats at the World Golf Hall of Fame

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President Dwight D. Eisenhower's golf shoes. Sam Snead's lunch box. Canadian legend Marlene Stewart Streit's first hole-in-one trophy. These are among the thousands of artifacts displayed at the World Golf Hall of Fame, the centerpiece of Florida's World Golf Village, a combination resort and theme park located between Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

As in every corner of the golf-obsessed Sunshine State, the northeast has targeted golf travellers, who account for one-third of the rounds played annually. More than 50 public-play courses are found in a 153-kilometre stretch of prime beachfront marketers have tagged Florida's First Coast, since it was the first region settled by Europeans and offers the first beaches most vacationers see as they motor into the state.

Many visitors to the World Golf Hall of Fame stay on site at the refurbished 300-room Renaissance World Golf Village Resort, then set out to explore the village's shops, restaurants and the World Golf Hall of Fame, an entertaining mix of conventional museum-style exhibits and cutting-edge video presentations.

The brainchild of former



Try your hand at the King and Bear course, courtesy of Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. COURTESY WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME

PGA Tour commissioner Deane Beman, the hall is designed to reflect both golf's past and the spirit of the game. The 18 peaks of the roof of Boston architect E. Verner Johnson's glass-and-steel shrine represent the 18 holes in a round of golf. And the front curve of the building is meant to symbolize the arc of a golf swing.

A barrage of archival films unroll on screens large and small throughout the hall. In the Bob Hope Theatre, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and other immortals appear in a video highlighting the comedian's famous passion for the game. Also rolling in a never-ending loop is film of astronaut Alan Shepard's six-iron shot during the 1971 Apollo 14 mission, the swing that made golf the first interplanetary sport.



The Slammer and Squire is also part of the World Golf Village.

Interactive exhibits include a putting green where visitors can try their luck with old-style wood-shafted putters and gutta percha balls. Another highlight is the Trophy Room at the top

of the Hall of Fame Tower, which holds the World Cup, the President's Cup and many more of golf's most famous baubles.

But the spiritual heart of the

#### Golf in the land of greats

Right on the World Golf Village property are the two excellent golf courses. Opened in 1998, the 6,939-yard Slammer and Squire course snakes tightly through wetlands before widening and wrapping around the hall. The layout was designed by Bobby Weed with input from Sam Snead (the Slammer) and Gene Sarazen (the Squire). Palmer and Nicklaus, in their only design collaboration, built the King and Bear course, a 7,279-yard beast opened in 2000. Palmer (the King) handled the layout's original routing, which Nicklaus (the Bear) then refined.

museum is Shell Hall, where handcrafted bronze relief plaques of each of the 141 honoured members line the Wall of Fame like ancient sarcophagi.

Even more fascinating — and intimately revealing — is the Member Locker Room, featuring more than 2,000 artifacts and memorabilia from the hall's members in lockers dedicated to telling their individual stories.

Found here are Nicklaus's favourite fly fishing rod, Babe Zaharias's harmonica, one of the two Purple Hearts won by Lloyd Mangrum in the Second World War, and the 1970 and 1972 World Team jacket worn by Marlene Stewart Streit, the winner of every major title in women's amateur golf, who in 2004 became Canada's first — and still only — inductee to the hall.

Found almost in the shadow of the hall is the PGA Tour Golf Academy, the only teaching facility that carries the PGA Tour name.

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1. Bring quinoa and stock to boil. Cover and simmer 15

## Ingredients

- 1 cup quinoa
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 1 1/2 cups canned corn kernels, drained
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp seeded minced jalapeño pepper
- 4 cups chopped fresh spinach
- 1 tbsp water
- 1/3 cup chopped green onion
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/3 cup crumbled light feta cheese
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice

## Quinoa with Charred Corn, Bell Pepper & Spinach Salad



This recipe serves four. LORELLA ZANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

mins., until stock is absorbed and quinoa tender. Remove from heat and place in bowl.

2. Spray non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium heat. Sauté corn approximately 8 mins., just until browned, stirring. Set aside.

3. Spray skillet with cooking oil, add vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Add

diced onion, bell pepper, garlic, cumin and jalapeño pepper and sauté until onion begins to brown, about 5 mins. Add spinach and water. Cook until spinach wilts, 2 mins.

4. Remove from heat. Stir in green onion, cilantro, cheese, olive oil, lemon juice and sautéed corn. Add mix to quinoa and combine. **ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)**

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- 1/2 part fresh lime juice
- 1/4-1/2 parts simple syrup

Combine the Chocolate Kokonut Stoli vodka, pomegranate or cranberry juice, fresh lime juice and simple syrup.

Shake over ice and serve.  
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## Student Voice

### Have a plan, but be ready to embrace change

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After attending three different universities and switching programs three times, I finally landed in political science at the University of Toronto.

It was an unlikely decision, considering my path began with public relations in a media studies program at Humber. I quickly realized this was not the right fit for me and instead pursued studies in an arts and business program at the University of Waterloo.

After a year and a half, I landed my first co-op job at the University of Toronto in a student centre. I loved coming to work every day, even if I missed having classmates at school. This co-op position turned into a full-time job for three years.

When I did go back to finish my degree, I transferred to U of T, which was my new home. Going back to school full-time was a huge chal-

lenge — I had gotten used to a student lifestyle, but with a salary and no homework.

When I did go back to class I wasn't sure where it would lead me. Like many of my friends, I decided to apply for a post-graduate program at a college in Toronto.

It turns out life had another plan in mind for me. Three weeks after my classes ended I saw a posting for the job I have today. Knowing my path has been full of twists and turns I decided to go for it.

My philosophy of having a plan but embracing change paid off, and I love what I'm doing now.

Looking back, I resent

years of "career planning" that began in grade 10. What happened to being flexible? What about the fact that many of the careers most of us will pursue don't even exist yet? My job wasn't even created until seven months ago.

## What I'm doing now

I'm working jointly with Alumni Relations and Student Life at the University of Toronto.

## My advice for employers

Don't be afraid to invest in young people. My employer took a chance on me when I was only 19, and it paid off for both of us. Young people often bring a level of enthusiasm and fresh perspective that can be a welcome addition to any workplace, especially an older, established institution.

## My advice for students and recent grads

Embrace change! Planning out your whole life at the age of 19 is overrated.

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National Cupcake Day, Monday, Feb. 25, is organized by the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) and the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) with many participating organizations across the country.

"We are encouraging people to register online at [nationalcupcakeday.ca](http://nationalcupcakeday.ca) and then to bake and offer cupcakes by donation on Feb. 25, with all proceeds going to support their favourite participating SPCA or humane society," says Rosemary Conder, chief development officer of the BC SPCA. "Supporters can host National Cupcake Day parties in their homes, bake cupcakes to take to school or the office or



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offer them by donation in the community. It's an easy and fun way to make a life-saving difference in the lives of animals who desperately need our help."

"We hope animal lovers will encourage their family and friends to donate online and to support their efforts by attending local National Cupcake Day parties, collecting donations or hosting events of their own," says Marc Ralsky, director, community and donor development for the OSPCA. "Everyone loves cupcakes, and they taste even sweeter when you know

it's for a good cause."

The event originated in Australia, developed by creative and passionate fundraisers at the RSPCA in New South Wales.

"The event there currently raises \$1 million annually Down Under," Conder says.

"And our RSPCA colleagues have been generously sharing their resources to make it a reality in Canada."

Once registered online, participants are mailed a National Cupcake Day host kit, which includes a poster, sticker, balloons



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and fundraising guide, making it easy for those who want to participate and help animals in need. Even if you are fashionably late joining in on the fun, you are welcome to continue fundraising or hosting an event after Feb. 25.

"This event is a team effort and every donation and cupcake counts," Ralsky says. "We would like to thank all participants and our generous sponsors Petsecure, Reynolds and BMO. Together we will be helping create a healthier and happier future for animals."



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# SMU coach says semifinal vs. Axemen is 'anyone's series'

**AUS hockey.** Huskies bench boss knows team in tough against Acadia



**ANDREW RANKIN**  
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The Saint Mary's Huskies and Acadia Axemen are so evenly matched that their best-of-five semifinal series will come down to heart and smarts.

That's what Huskies bench boss Trevor Steinberg believes as he prepares for the Atlantic University Sport men's hockey showdown that kicks off Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Halifax Forum.

"It's anyone's series," he said. "It will be the team that goes out, pays most attention to detail and is most committed to winning."

The Huskies have a 3-1 edge in their four-game regular-season series. But they have all been decided by one goal, with the exception of the last tilt on Feb. 2, when the Huskies blanked the Axemen 3-0 in their own building.

Steinberg knows his squad will be facing an inspired

## Final on the line

The other semifinal series between the New Brunswick Varsity Reds and Prince Edward Island Panthers gets underway on Thursday.

team that won its quarter-final matchup in dramatic fashion, beating the Moncton Aigles Bleus 4-3 in double overtime in the third and deciding game.

"They've got some very skilled and very fast forwards, guys who can put the puck in the net," he said.

Saint Mary's earned a first-round bye for finishing second in the AUS standings.

Steinberg, who has coached the Huskies for 16 years and won a national championship in 2010, knows what it takes to win. "We can't take them lightly. In 16 years I've only won my last game once. It's not going to be easy."

Huskies captain Justin Wallingford said after practice on Tuesday that anything less than a championship would be a disappointment for this team.

He said during the layoff the team has been preparing



Saint Mary's Huskies head coach Trevor Steinberg works with his a player at the Halifax Forum during practice on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

as if they're still playing while players recover from nagging injuries.

"Acadia can say that they're playoff-ready, and that's fine, but I think we have the advan-

tage; we're very prepared and we're healthy," Wallingford said.

## Coach Ducharme has no-excuses approach as Moose battle injuries



Mooseheads defenceman Brian Lovell. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Halifax Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme isn't allowing himself to get distracted by key injuries in his lineup.

The Mooseheads are going into Wednesday's road match against the Saint John Sea Dogs without one of their leading scorers and a pair of defencemen.

But Ducharme is focused on the moment and relying on his healthy players to pick up the slack.

"We know that we still have 20 guys in the lineup; we play as a team," Ducharme said. "We're confident in each other."

## Quoted

"We have a lot of depth. We are still a very good hockey team."

Dominique Ducharme, head coach of the Halifax Mooseheads

Mooseheads defenceman Brian Lovell will be out for four to six weeks with a broken jaw after taking a two-handed slash from Ross Johnston in Saturday's home win against the Moncton Wildcats.

The QMJHL announced on Tuesday that the left-winger was suspended indefinitely pending a review of the in-

cident. The Mooseheads had been appealing for a suspension.

Ducharme, who called the two-hander one of the most dangerous on-ice incidents he's witnessed, didn't want to say how severe he thinks the suspension should be.

"I'm confident the league will make the right decision

and it's not for me to predict what will happen."

The league is expected to announce its ruling this week.

Defenceman Trey Lewis also suffered a mild concussion in Saturday's game. Ducharme said Lewis would gradually return to the lineup once he receives medical clearance. There is no timetable for his return.

As for Mooseheads star forward Nathan MacKinnon, who's nursing a minor MCL injury, Ducharme is hoping to have him back for Sunday's game against the Bathurst Titan, or early next week.

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## Curling

### Nova Scotians win pair at Scotties

Mary-Anne Arsenault and her Mayflower Curling Club rink could finally be finding its stride at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Kingston, Ont.

The rink that includes third Kim Kelly, second Colleen Jones and lead Jen Baxter won twice on Tuesday

after starting the event with four straight losses.

Arsenault started the day with a 10-7 win over Yukon/Northwest Territories then followed that up by beating Saskatchewan 7-5 in the evening draw.

Nova Scotia plays just once on Wednesday against Newfoundland and Labrador.

Ontario, Manitoba and Team Canada are all tied for first place with perfect 6-0 records. METRO



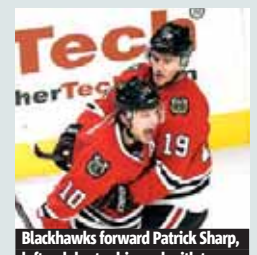
Nova Scotia skip Mary-Anne Arsenault. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## NHL

### Blackhawks match record for hot starts

Patrick Kane and Andrew Shaw scored in a shootout, and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Vancouver Canucks 4-3 on Tuesday night to match the NHL record for season-opening point streak.

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Blackhawks forward Patrick Sharp, left, celebrates his goal with teammate Jonathan Toews on Tuesday night in Chicago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Alex Galchenyuk, right, of the Montreal Canadiens scores the go-ahead goal against New York Rangers goaltender Henrik Lundqvist on Tuesday in New York City. The Habs won 3-1. AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

# Habs rally to push winning streak to 5

**NHL.** Galchenyuk scores go-ahead goal in forgettable match

In the long, storied Original Six history of the Montreal Canadiens and New York Rangers, the latest chapter will hardly be remembered fondly — by anyone.

The Canadiens, however, left as the happier of the teams after they rallied to gut out a 3-1 win Tuesday night that stretched Montreal's winning streak to five and ended the Rangers' run at points at five (4-0-1).

"I thought it was probably one of the worst hockey games I've been involved in.

## Lighting the lamp

Max Pacioretty, Alex Galchenyuk and Raphael Diaz were the goal scorers for Montreal, while Anton Stralman accounted for New York's lone marker.

Both teams," terse Rangers coach John Tortorella said. "It was two bad teams playing, and we worse than they were. "That pretty much sums it up, huh?"

The clubs combined for eight shots in the scoreless first period. They both mustered a goal in the second, and Montreal connected for two in the third — including an empty-netter.

Alex Galchenyuk broke the tie to put the Canadiens ahead for good. Montreal had 18 shots and made the most of little offence against Henrik Lundqvist.

"We were just really focused on getting the win," Galchenyuk said. "On the road, this was huge for us."

The Canadiens clogged up the middle to keep the Rangers from many scoring chances, either.

"It's a game of patience when you play a team like this," Lundqvist said. "They play extremely boring, but they're a smart team and they didn't give up much."

"We played a pretty good game. We just didn't come up with the big plays in the end."

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## Soccer

### Canadian women to get rematch vs. U.S.

Canada will renew its women's soccer rivalry with the United States later this

year in Toronto.

The Americans will visit BMO Field on June 2 as the two teams face each other for the first time since their controversial semifinal at last summer's London Olympics. Canadian Christine

Sinclair had a hat trick in the 4-3 extra-time loss in August. After the game she lashed out at the officiating and was later banned for four games.

Canada went on to beat France for the bronze.

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## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	36	14	.720	—
New York	32	18	.640	4
Indiana	32	21	.604	5 1/2
Brooklyn	32	22	.593	6
Chicago	31	22	.585	6 1/2
Atlanta	29	22	.569	7 1/2
Boston	28	25	.528	9 1/2
Milwaukee	26	26	.500	11
Philadelphia	22	29	.431	14 1/2
Toronto	22	32	.407	16
Detroit	21	34	.382	17 1/2
Cleveland	16	37	.302	21 1/2
Washington	15	37	.288	22
Orlando	15	38	.283	22 1/2
Charlotte	13	40	.245	24 1/2

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	42	12	.778	—
Oklahoma City	39	14	.736	2 1/2
L.A. Clippers	39	17	.696	4
Memphis	34	18	.654	7
Denver	34	21	.618	8 1/2
Golden State	30	23	.566	11 1/2
Utah	31	24	.564	11 1/2
Houston	29	26	.527	13 1/2
Portland	25	28	.472	16 1/2
L.A. Lakers	25	29	.463	17
Dallas	23	29	.442	18
Minnesota	19	31	.380	21
New Orleans	19	35	.352	23
Sacramento	19	35	.352	23
Phoenix	17	36	.321	24 1/2

Note: Division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Toronto 96 Washington 88  
Charlotte 105 Orlando 92  
Memphis 105 Detroit 91  
Brooklyn 113 Milwaukee 111 (OT)  
Chicago 96 New Orleans 87  
Denver 97 Boston 90  
Utah 115 Golden State 101  
Phoenix at Portland  
San Antonio at Sacramento

### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern

Memphis at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
New Orleans at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Brooklyn at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Miami at Atlanta, 8 p.m.  
Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	16	11	5	0	52	38	22
New Jersey	16	9	3	4	42	38	22
NY Rangers	15	8	6	1	39	38	17
Philadelphia	17	7	9	1	45	49	15
NY Islanders	16	6	9	1	46	57	13

NORTHEAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	16	11	4	1	46	35	23
Boston	13	9	2	2	37	31	20
Toronto	17	10	7	0	48	40	20
Ottawa	17	9	6	2	40	32	20
Buffalo	17	6	10	1	47	56	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	14	8	5	1	41	40	17
Tampa Bay	15	8	6	1	59	47	17
Winnipeg	15	6	8	1	37	47	13
Florida	15	4	7	4	35	56	12
Washington	15	5	9	1	41	51	11

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Montreal 3 NY Rangers 1  
Winnipeg 2 Buffalo 1  
Ottawa 3 NY Islanders 1  
Tampa Bay 4 Toronto 2  
San Jose 2 St. Louis 1  
Nashville 4 Detroit 3 (OT)  
Chicago 4 Vancouver 3 (SO)  
Los Angeles at Edmonton

### MONDAY'S RESULTS

Ottawa 2 New Jersey 1 (SO)  
Philadelphia 7 NY Islanders 0  
Colorado 6 Nashville 5  
Montreal 3 Carolina 0  
Toronto 3 Florida 0  
Phoenix at Calgary 0  
Anaheim at Columbus 2

### WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Louis at Colorado, 10 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Calgary, 10 p.m.

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
NY Islanders at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.  
NY Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.  
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
Columbus at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	16	13	0	3	55	34	29
Nashville	17	8	4	5	39	38	21
St. Louis	16	9	6	1	53	50	19
Detroit	16	7	6	3	43	48	17
Columbus	16	4	10	2	36	51	10

NORTHWEST DIVISION	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	15	8	3	4	44	37	20
Minnesota	14	7	6	2	33	38	16
Edmonton	14	6	5	3	35	38	15
Colorado	14	6	7	1	37	43	13
Calgary	14	5	6	3	39	51	13

PACIFIC DIVISION	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	15	12	2	1	53	39	25
San Jose	15	8	4	3	39	34	19
Phoenix	16	8	6	2	44	41	18
Dallas	16	8	7	1	41	43	17
Los Angeles	13	5	6	2	30	36	12

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**First Period**  
1. Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 6 (Pouliot, St. Louis) 9:25  
2. Toronto, Grabovski 4 (Kulemin, MacArthur) 17:59

**Penalties** — Bench Tor (Too Many Men) 1:40, Crombeen TBL (Fighting) 7:56, Brown Tor (Fighting) 7:56, Brown Tor (Misconduct) 7:56.

### Second Period

3. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 10 (Conacher, Pouliot) 4:56  
**Penalties** — Purcell TBL (Tripping) 1:34, van Riemsdyk Tor (Hooking) 6:52, Scrivens Tor (Tripping) 13:06, Brown Tor (Holding) 15:30, Stamkos TBL (Hooking) 15:41.

### Third Period

4. Tampa Bay, Killorn 2 (Crombeen) 2:49  
5. Tampa Bay, Carle 3 (Pouliot, Hedman) 6:58 (pp)  
6. Toronto, van Riemsdyk 9 (Kessel, Bozak) 16:08  
**Penalties** — Grabovski Tor (Hooking) 5:29, Hedman TBL (Fighting) 11:08, Kadri Tor (Fighting) 11:08, Orr Tor (Roughing) 11:08, Orr Tor (Misconduct) 11:08, Aulie TBL (High-sticking) 14:03, Aulie TBL (Fighting) 14:03, Fraser Tor (Fighting) 14:03.

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Toronto 9 7 9—25  
Tampa Bay 4 6 9—19

**Goal** — Toronto: Scrivens (L, 4-4-0).

Tampa Bay: Lindback (W, 7-3-1).

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with a slight chance of "huhhh?"





# 2013 Ford Taurus SHO



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## Fuel economy

Fuel economy isn't normally a top-of-mind issue for buyers of high-output sedans, but at least the SHO won't embarrass itself with a rating of 12.2 l/100 km in the city and 7.8 highway.

## 2013 Ford Taurus SHO

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive full-size sedan
- **Engine (hp).** 3.5-litre DOHC V6, twin-turbocharged (365)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic with paddle-shift controls
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$50,900



The V6 EcoBoost is only used in a few applications and performs great in the F-150 pickup, actually.

## Design

All Taurus models display a restyled grille and lower air intake, with the SHO receiving the blacked-out mesh-style grille as well as a set of bright high-intensity-discharge headlamps. Other visual markers include a deck lid spoiler plus unique 19-inch wheels and front rotors.

## All wheel drive

A major component of the SHO's performance content is its standard all-wheel-drive that kicks in when the car is driven in an aggressive manner, when it's cornering and when the weather turns nasty and surface grip is compromised.

**Review.** You could be excused for thinking the SHO is just another Taurus, but is this really a bad thing?

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Full-size sedans appeal to people requiring, or preferring, plenty of space for people and their gear. It's simple, really. The Ford Taurus SHO extends its appeal to drivers seeking a fast four-door with cat-like reflexes, regardless of road.

The SHO, which stands for Super High Output, has traveled a long way since its beginnings back in 1988 as a 220-horsepower sport sedan. Then, as now, the "show" (as it's pronounced) has never been a huge seller simply because it basically looks like any other Taurus. And with a price tag in the \$50,000 range, it's \$8,000 more than the best-equipped, regular-strength Taurus sedan that money can buy. Fifty large is also within range of the Boss 302 Mustang with its 444-horse-

power 5.0-litre V8. That sort of muscle eclipses the SHO's twin-turbocharged 3.5-litre "Eco-Boost" V6 with its 365 horsepower and 350 pound-feet of torque.

Still, the 1,980-kilogram 2013 SHO delivers respectable potency with an estimated zero-to-60-mph (96 km/h) time of 5.2 seconds. It also offers a level of genteel cruiser-class comfort for five adults that's inconceivable in the Mustang.

The SHO's V6 is matched to a six-speed automatic transmission with steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters.

Hidden from view are stiffer front springs and a beefed-up brake package highlighted by a larger master cylinder and front rotors. The electric power steering unit can be specifically calibrated to deliver plenty of feel and feedback for the driver.

Interestingly, much of the SHO-specific gear has been installed in the Taurus Police Package that replaces Ford's ancient (and now retired) Crown Victoria.

There's even more in store for buyers who opt for the Performance Package. Here, you



Kudos to Ford for holding off on wings, spoilers and body kits. Let the performance do the talking, just like in a BMW.

get a sport-tuned suspension, upgraded brakes, an "extreme duty" cooling system, a higher numerical final drive ratio for snappier acceleration and 20-inch machined wheels with summer-specific performance tires. Ford states the Performance Package is the one to get for buyers looking to stretch their SHO's legs once in a while on the racetrack. A Taurus on a racetrack? Move over Boss 302, the whole family is coming.



Ford has a tough time doing anything wrong when it comes to interior design and the SHO is no exception.

## By comparison



**1** Dodge Charger R/T AWD  
Base price: \$40,200



**2** Hyundai Genesis V6  
Base price: \$41,800



**3** Chevrolet SS  
Base price: \$45,000 (est.)

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# Diesel flag keeps flying high

**Auto Pilot.** Car companies betting on Canadians' love of diesel, despite our neighbours' reservations



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You can feel the current swirling around your rubber boots — the ones with the little ducks on them. Each successive auto show yields another announcement about another diesel entry.

In December at the L.A. auto show, we learned that Mazda6 will eventually have a 2.2-litre diesel option, and that Audi will be adding four new diesel variations to its lineup. Audi Q7 can already be optioned with a TDI, and now the TDI joy spreads to A6, A7, A8 and Q5.

At Detroit in January, Chrysler announced its revitalized 2014 Grand Cherokee will get a diesel — a 3.0-litre V6 developed and manufactured by Fiat's long-



Ried Bigland, Chrysler Canada president, at the Toronto auto show with the new 2013 Ram Heavy Duty packing the 6.7-litre Cummins diesel engine. Bigland announced that the light-duty Ram 1500 pickups will also get diesel option for 2014 — a 3.0-litre V6 made by its Italian partners, VM Motori. MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO

term supplier, VM Motori.

A few weeks later in Chicago, GM announced Chevrolet Cruze would join the diesel party.

And now we come to the auto show on this week in Toronto. At a press conference at the show last Thursday, Chrysler said its Ram 1500 pickup would also get that 3.0-litre

V6 destined for the Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Of course, all these new diesel vehicles will join those already in the Canadian market by diesel zealots Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen and BMW.

The interesting thing about this last batch of diesel announcements is they concern more mainstream, high-vol-

ume segments, like compact car, light-duty truck, and mid-size crossover.

With the noticeable exception of Volkswagen Jetta and Golf diesels, the German manufacturers have been flying the diesel flag at lofty levels — basically as a premium option in an already premium nameplate.

At the Toronto show I ran

into auto industry analyst Denis DesRosiers, who believes the big diesel shift in this country will come when one of the manufacturers is prepared to — or is able to — offer a diesel in or around \$20,000.

Right now, diesel seems to be about a \$7,000 to \$10,000 option, depending on the model. Not only are diesels en-

gines more complicated, they often require beefier transmissions to handle their increased torque. And, they're typically offered on more upscale trim levels, pushing their MSRPs even higher.

If we get diesels down into cheaper segments and on cheaper trim lines, then we'll get somewhere. According to DesRosiers, Canadians are already in love with diesels.

And what's not to love? Their increased torque translates to great every day driving experiences. They have huge range. They last forever and offer great resale potential. They're even "green" — though increased emission regulations will push the technology, and keep their prices comparatively high.

Americans still harbour misconceptions about diesels. Specifically that diesels are smelly and noisy, and that diesel fuel itself is in short supply and hard to find. You might even have to fight with truckers at truck stops to get your share!

Canadians are so past that, says DesRosiers. And we're so past my word count for this column. So gotta go. See you next week.

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## Horoscopes

## ♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may not like making sacrifices but deep down you know that something has to go. This is the ideal time for a clear-out — be it physical, mental or emotional. Get your broom and sweep away those cobwebs.

## ♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Challenges of one kind or another have been met and overcome, and now you know you can compete on equal terms your confidence will soar. Today, however, you need to cooperate a bit more and compete a bit less.

## ♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

This is a good time to extend your education in some way. If there is a particular topic that intrigues you then find out all you can about it. What you learn will be useful to you in the months ahead.

## ♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

The Sun in sympathetic Pisces encourages you to look further afield for the answers you seek. In some way or other you will be on the move today — and you'll discover things that few people know about.

## ♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Don't gamble with what you own and earn. You may be tempted to take some kind of financial risk, with the promise of big rewards if it goes the right way. But what if it doesn't? You cannot afford to take the chance.

## ♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Friends will do anything for you today — all you have to do is ask. But before you do, bear in mind that you should not take their goodwill for granted. The best friend is the one who doesn't expect too much.

## ♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

A certain task that looked so difficult a short while ago now looks incredibly easy. So what are you waiting for? Get on with it. You may surprise yourself how easily you make a success of it.

## ♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The Sun in your fellow Water sign of Pisces not only fills your heart with joy but fills your mind with all sorts of creative ideas. What you do next is up to you but do something — and make it amazing.

## ♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

It may seem as if the world is against you but it's not remotely true. In fact, you'll realize you have friends in all directions if you only look on the bright side and stop entertaining negative thoughts.

## ♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It is important that you know who among your friends and relatives can be trusted because if you confide in the wrong person today, the results could be disastrous. But confide you must. Don't keep your feelings to yourself.

## ♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

An issue that has been causing you sleepless nights will resolve itself over the next 24 hours, much to your relief. Next time, try not to take this kind of situation so seriously. Time heals all wounds — be they real or imagined.

## ♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

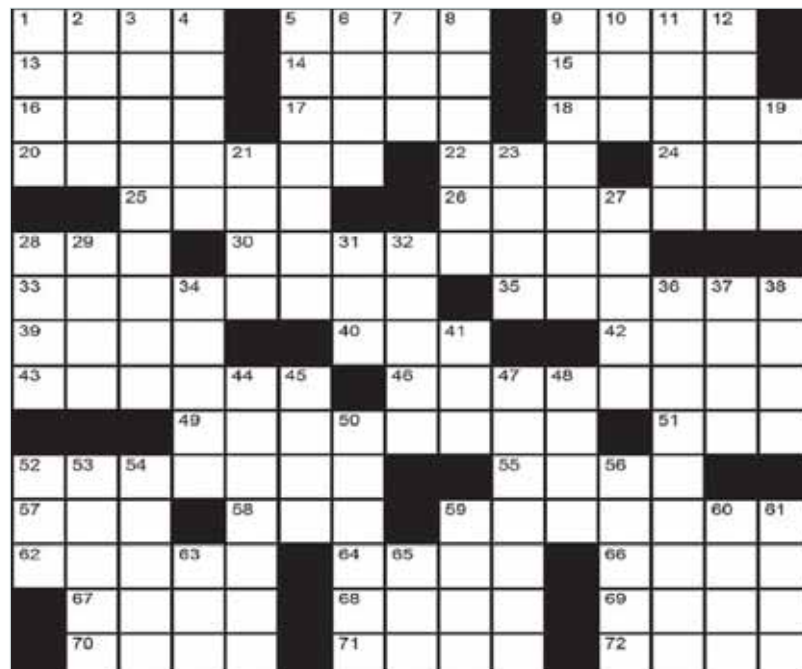
You know what needs to be done today, so get on and do it. The earlier you get busy, the quicker you will get through your chores and the more time you will have to do fun things with others this evening.

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## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

## Across

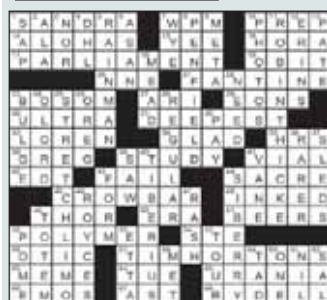
1. The \_\_\_ Awards (Overseas Grammy equivalents)
5. Canada Goose monument site in Ontario
9. Capricorn, for one
13. Baroque painter, Guido \_\_\_
14. Business person, briefly
15. Mr. Aoki (World Golf Hall of Famer)
16. Prefix to 'gon' (Eight-sided shape)
17. Mr. Baldwin
18. The \_\_\_ MacNeils (Celtic band from Cape Breton)
20. Super clean and sanitary
22. 'Computer' suffix (Tech jargon)
24. "\_\_\_, humbug!"
25. Tirade
26. Sentence enders.
28. UK military fliers
30. Best Actress nominee Jessica for "Zero Dark Thirty"
33. February's birthstone
35. Oscar-winning actress Marlee
39. But, in Spanish
40. Villain's chuckle, when repeated
42. Reign
43. Peace talks agreement
46. Folk music instrument
49. Oscar-winning Canadian actress Marie of "Min and Bill" (1930)
51. Dubai's locale [acronym]
52. Type of blouse or skirt
55. Audacity
57. Engine starter [abbr.]
58. Tel Aviv, \_\_\_
59. Oscar-winning film, "The English \_\_\_" (1996)
62. Jaleel White's "Family Matters" role
64. Make film cuts
66. Type of duck
67. Gen. Robert \_\_.
68. Feminizing suffix
69. Actress Ms. Collette
70. The Yukon, e.g.
71. Free ticket



## Down

1. Warner \_\_. (Film studio)
2. Prefix with 'angle'
3. Meddle
4. Heiress' headdress
5. Rich
6. Wheel shaft
7. Small
8. Take
9. Remote region of Russia
10. Old Testament book, for short
11. Screen legend Greta
12. U.S.-Canadian airspace protection org.
19. Sighed sounds
21. Move along slowly
23. Crease
27. Li'l lead-in
28. Transfixed
29. USA part, for short
31. Fireplace residue
32. Flower parts
34. Some amphibians
36. Yoga wear company founded in 1998 in Vancouver
37. Figure skater Mr. Kulik
38. Ms. Leakes of reality TV
41. "Shallow \_\_\_" (2001)
44. Nova Scotia-based comedy of 2001 to 2008, "\_\_\_ Park Boys"
45. Hankerings
47. Invalidates
48. "Shoot!"
50. Meryl of multi-Oscars
52. More, in music
53. White-plumed heron
54. Foot-to-leg connector
56. Enumerates
59. Brooches
60. "99 Luftballons": 1980s hit for who?
61. Baby branch
63. 'Ballad' suffix
65. CSI evidence

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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